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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTERREGIONAL PROJECT OF

(INT/92/209) - Support to Governments in Integrating Environment and Development

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
GC DEPT.

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	29 July 1992
Expected duration:	12-18 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Various agencies
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$750 000 Source of funds: SPR
Government cost sharing:	Various
Total UNDP budget:	$750 000

Project background

Many developing countries are already making efforts to integrate environmental considerations into their development activities; and are actively formulating strategies and plans necessary to set the direction to sustainable development and to identify national priorities for the allocation of domestic and international resources to address major environmental and development challenges. UNDP is expecting a greater interest and willingness on the part of governments to pursue their development goals in a sustainable manner as they begin to implement recommendations of UNCED. However, governments lack necessary technical capacity and need advice and assistance in analyzing programmes and identifying gaps and weaknesses. It would greatly enhance the capacity and effectiveness of the governments if assistance could be provided quickly and to the point through topic specific consultancies.

The resources requested will enable UNDP to assist governments by despatching consultants, arranging workshops, providing links to experts, and conducting short-term training in order to develop and strengthen country programmes in support of sustainable development. This exceptional funding window is clearly needed both because it is intended to cover cases not covered under other existing projects or arrangements, and as a vehicle for building up capacity to deal with the larger facilities (Capacity 21, GEF) planned or already in place. The activities should be of a catalytic nature which would help governments in their strategic analysis and thinking in regard to sustainable development and capacity building.

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[1] **This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.**

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Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) assist governments to focus on sustainable development in the country programme and in the development plans of the country; (b) formulate national or regional sustainable development strategies and programmes as follow-up to UNCED; (c) enhance the understanding and capacity of governments in the implementation of sustainable development through the design and monitoring of their own policies and programmes; and (d) prepare examples as an analysis of a country programme in terms of sustainability either overall or within specific sectors, or an analysis of how the country programme or other development activities relate to the recommendations in Agenda 21. All of these activities will better enable developing countries to define their development priorities within sustainable possibilities.

Inputs

UNDP will provide a short-term consultancy for 2-3 weeks; international consultancies in environment and development; workshops, seminars and in-service training; travel; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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National consultancies	180 000
International consultancies	300 000
Workshops, seminars and Training	170 000
Travel	50 000
Miscellaneous	50 000
Total	750 000

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